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SUBJECT: NBC REPORT OF ABDUCTION OF TWO AMERICAN CIVILIANS

REF: A. STATE 163129 B. BEIRUT 8744 C. CAIRO 6779

1. EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED CAIRO NBC REPRESENTATIVE ABDULLAH SCHLEIFER REGARDING STATUS OF STORY. HE TELLS US STORY WOULD NOT NORMALLY APPEAR LOCALLY OR ELSEWHERE IN MIDDLE EAST AREA UNLESS IT WERE PICKED UP BY NEWS AGENCIES FROM AN NBC NEW YORK BROADCAST. (HE IS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT STORY WAS BROADCAST IN US ON JULY 9). WE EXPLAINED OUR CONCERNS TO HIM PER REFTELS A AND B. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD COMPLETELY, BUT WARNED US THAT HE HAD TIPPED OFF LOCAL UPI OFFICE TO STORY JULY 9. HE SAID HE HAD MENTIONED IT TO NO ONE ELSE, NOR WOULD HE DO SO IN VIEW OF EMBASSY'S CONCERNS.

2. EMBASSY HAS ALSO CONTACTED LOCAL UPI REP MICHAEL BARRETT WHO ASSURES US UPI "NOT INTERESTED" IN PURSUING STORY" SINCE IT WAS ALREADY THREE DAYS OLD". WE EXPLAINED OUR CONCERNS TO HIM AS WELL AND HE REITERATED ASSURANCE THAT STORY WOULD NOT COME FROM UPI CAIRO.
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